

WI-231
William F. Allen House
Allen
Private

1870

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: William F. Allen House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-231

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-231

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William F. Allen House

and/or common Allen-Bounds House

2. Location

street & number Allen Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Allen ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lindley Allen Lentz

street & number 3453 Allen Road telephone no.: 742-7317

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Tax Map 56, p 299
liber AJS 990

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 253

city, town Salisbury state Maryland 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William F. Allen house is located on the east side of Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1870, the two-story, center hall frame house was relocated during the mid twentieth century from its former location closer to the street. Supported by a continuous brick foundation, the exterior of the single-pile dwelling is covered with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a single story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The replacement front door is framed by a four-light transom and four-light sidelights. The entrance is sheltered by a single-bay hip roofed stoop with Tuscan columns. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

The south gable end is defined by an exterior common bond brick chimney distinguished by corbelled shoulders. Six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors to each side. Small four-pane windows pierce the gable end, which is finished flush and trimmed with a plain bargeboard.

The north gable end is treated in a similar fashion with an exterior common bond brick chimney flanked by six-over-six sash windows on each floor. Small four-pane windows light the attic.

The east (rear) wall of the front block is partially covered by a single story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The interior was not seen.

Standing south of the house is a single-story frame garage.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1870	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The William F. Allen house falls into *Category C*, which identifies properties where alterations should be considered carefully since the structure stands near a house in the A or B categories and since it contributes to the historic character of the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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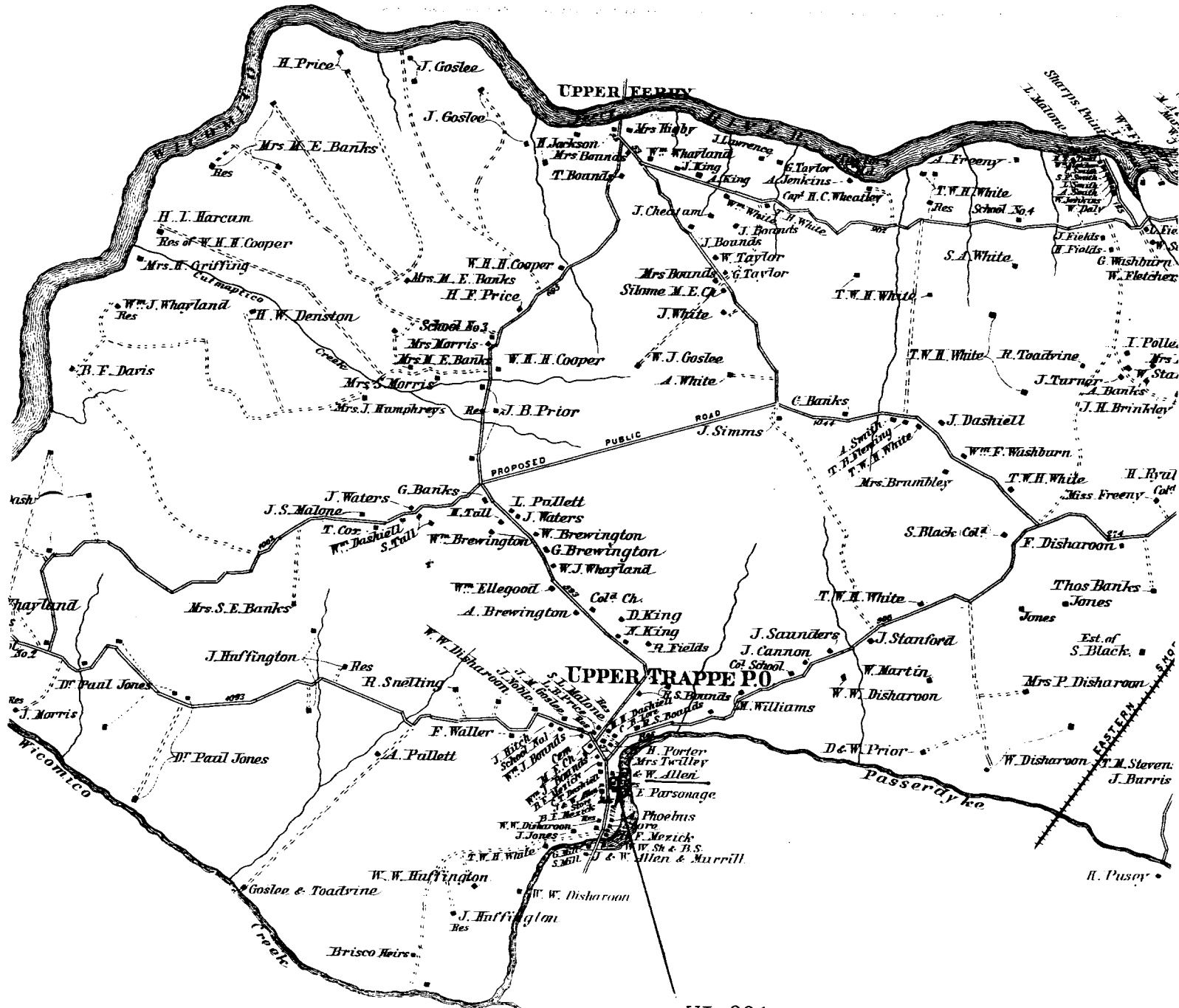
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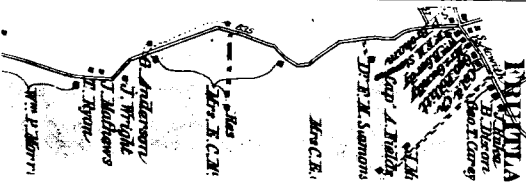
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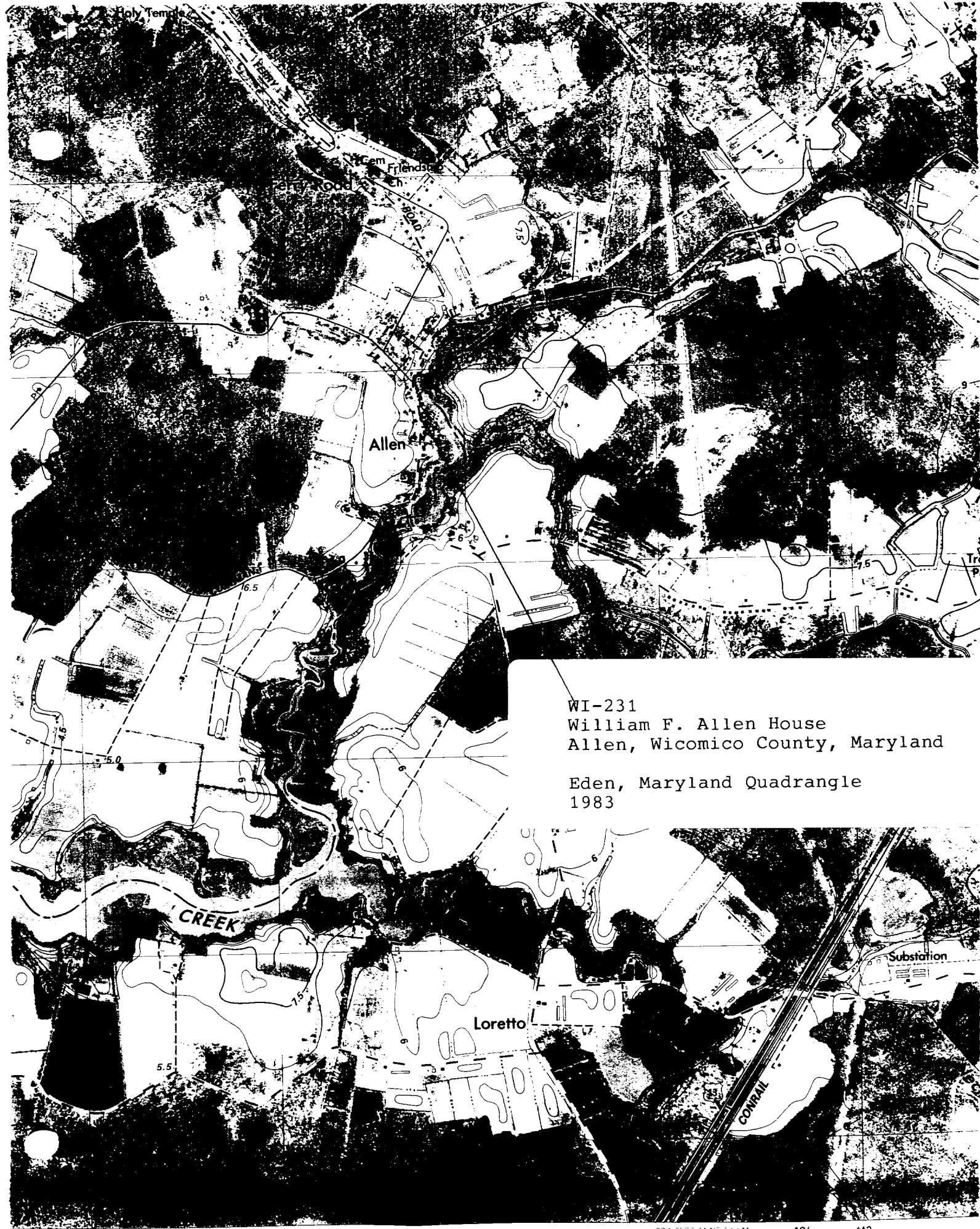
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William F. Allen House
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

Edén, Maryland Quadrangle
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